

## **2006 Calendar of Events**

### **Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area**

*January - December*

#### **Traditional Arts Workshops**

Join us for these great workshops that offer a unique opportunity to learn traditional and primitive art forms from expert instructors! Pre-registration will be required in addition to an instructor and materials fee.

*January – December*

#### **Garrisons and Living History Weekends**

Re-enactors from the Watauga Historical Association and the Company of Overmountain Men join us at Fort Watauga during various weekends of each month to present demonstrations and glimpses into frontier life during the 18<sup>th</sup> century in this region. Please check with the park for their scheduled weekend dates.

*March – October*

#### **Guest Naturalist Tour & Lecture Series**

Throughout the year, area naturalists will be joining us at varied times to share in their areas of expertise. Guided tours, hikes, talks, and field trips will explore the park and other areas of natural interest.

*Last Saturday of each month  
except July, November, & December*

#### **Mountain River Concerts**

Our continuing series of performances highlight the talents of traditional musicians, cloggers, storytellers, and more. These events meet in the theater of Sycamore Shoals. Please call the park for a listing of scheduled entertainers and times. Admissions Charge

*June 1 – August 15  
Daily*

#### **History at Home**

Seasonal Interpretive Rangers join our staff for the summer months, presenting a creative mix of programs on a daily basis. Please call for their weekly schedules.

*Fridays in June  
June 9, 16 & 23*

**Colonial Kids**  
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Spend a day at the Carter Mansion for a day of historical & natural activities for young people ages 9 - 13. Registration is limited to 10 each week. Small fee for each session.

*June –October  
Last Sunday of the Month*

**Sunday Jams at the Carter Mansion**  
2:00 - 5:00 pm

Our open pickin' and sharin' session is open to musicians of all levels, dancers, listeners, and toe tappers! Join us for this home-style gathering!

*Saturdays in October*  
*October , 7, 14, 21 & 28*

**Bird Walks w/ Lee & Lois Herndon TOS Chapter**  
*8:00 a.m*

Meet these wonderful birders and naturalists at Sycamore Shoals for a morning of birding during the migratory season.

*January 7*  
*Saturday*

**Chipping of the Greens**  
*10:00 am - 2:00 pm*

Bring your Christmas tree down to the lower parking lot at the Visitors Center and the city will chip it into mulch. Save room in the landfill and take home a garbage bag of mulch for your yard. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

*January 7 & January 8*  
*Saturday & Sunday*

**Winter Garrison at Fort Watauga**  
*10:00 am*

Join Hardin's Rangers, a French and Indian War period re-enactment group, at Fort Watauga for a living history look into the 18th century. Featuring a multitude of frontier life demonstrations that you can participate in!

*February 11 & February 12*  
*Saturday & Sunday*

**Fort Garrison**  
*10:00 am*

The Company of Overmountain Men will garrison at Fort Watauga and present insights into life of the backwoods Militia during the Revolutionary War. Join us for drill, cooking, battle demonstrations, and much more.

*March 18*  
*Saturday*

**Overmountain Weavers Guild Fibers Show and Sale**  
*10 am – 4 pm*

Don't miss this great opportunity to visit with some of the best weavers of our region! They will be demonstrating on a variety of looms and offering handmade items for sale.

*Thursday, April 20*      *6:00 pm*  
*Saturday, April 22*      *9:00 am*

**Landscape Seminar**  
**Plant Auction**

This event features a seminar on Thursday evening in the park theater, introducing the ornamental plant materials that will be available for auction on Saturday. The Saturday auction in the theater will feature unusual ornamental and native perennials, trees, and shrubs to beautify the home or business landscape. The UT Extension Service, E.Tenn. Nursery Assoc., and the Eliz/Carter Co. Chamber of Commerce sponsor the event.



*July 13–15, 20-22, & 27-29*  
*Thursday – Saturday*

**“The Wataugans” Outdoor Drama**  
*Our 28<sup>th</sup> Year!*

Don’t miss Tennessee’s official outdoor drama, depicting the 18th Century settlement of Northeast Tennessee. Presented each year by local performers in the shadow of Fort Watauga. The drama tells the story of the major events surrounding the Watauga Settlement on the grounds they actually happened. Seating is available in the Fort Watauga Amphitheater and performances begin evenings at 7:30 pm. Admissions Charge. Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association.

*August 6*  
*Sunday*

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Elizabethton Butterfly Count**  
 Meeting times: 9:00 am & 1:00 pm

Join naturalist, Don Holt for this day long winged adventure. Come for all or part of the day. Sponsored by the Xerces Society & Sycamore Shoals State Historic Park. (*Rain Date: Saturday, August 12.*)

*August 12*  
*Saturday*

**Carter Mansion Celebration**  
*10:00 am – 4:30 pm*

Join us at the oldest frame house in Tennessee, the beautiful Carter Mansion, located on Broad Street Extension for a day of music and fun. The detailed interior of this house, built around 1775, is unparalleled in Tennessee.

*September 9 & September 10*  
*Saturday & Sunday*  
*Saturday Concert*

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Sycamore Shoals Celtic Festival**  
*9:00 am – 5:00 pm*  
*8:00 pm*

Come celebrate our Celtic heritage that fills our lives in the mountains of East Tennessee. Clans and Family Societies will be on hand to help with family history, there will be dance, music, food, vendors, demonstrations, reenactments of 18th & 19th Century heritage, lectures, and a special musical concert on Saturday evening all with a focus on our Celtic culture. Admissions Charge.

*September 23 & September 24*  
*Saturday & Sunday*

**Overmountain Victory Trail Celebration**  
*10:00 am*

Join us for an encampment by the Company of Overmountain Men militia before the Battle of King’s Mountain in 1780.

*September 25*  
*Monday*

**Overmountain Victory Trail March**

Members of the Overmountain Victory Trail Association have recreated the historic march of the Overmountain Men since 1975. This year the marchers will cross the Watauga River at Sycamore

Shoals, just as the militia did 226 years ago for the muster before they rode to victory at King's Mountain. Approximate time of crossing the river is 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm.

*October 7 & October 8*  
*Saturday & Sunday*

**Fort Watauga Knap-In**  
*10:00 am – 4:30 pm*

Help us celebrate Tennessee Archaeology Week at Fort Watauga with demonstrations of how pre-historic man made stone tools and weapons. Displays of replicated primitive artifacts and demonstrations with primitive weapons such as bow and arrow and atlatl fill the days. Come and make your own projectile points!

*October 6-8*  
*Friday & Saturday*  
*Sunday*

**Sycamore Shoals Quilt Show**  
*8:00 am - 4:30 pm*  
*1:00 pm - 4:30 pm*

This three-day exhibition, sponsored by the Sycamore Shoals Stitchers, features a show and demonstrations by local quilters held in the park museum. Bed quilts, wall hangings, holiday and baby quilts, miniatures and antique quilts will be on display.

*October 21*  
*Saturday*

**Genealogy Symposium**  
*10 am – 4 pm*

Enjoy a full day of research tips, displays, online work, and informative presentations; an wonderful way to learn more about your family history! Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association.

*October 26*  
*Thursday*

**Scary Stories at the Carter Mansion**  
*7:30 pm*

Strange things happen around the time of All Hallows Eve, especially in a graveyard. Join us for tales of woe and terror, the weird and macabre, with a touch of wit thrown in for good measure. Don't be afraid, the graveyard at the Carter Mansion isn't haunted, we don't think!

*November 10 -12*  
*Friday*      *10:00 am - 4:30 pm*  
*Saturday*    *8:00 am - 4:30 pm*  
*Sunday*      *1:00 pm - 4:30 pm*

**Christmas Craft Show**

Don't miss this tremendously popular craft extravaganza just in time for Christmas. Forty-eight local craftsperson's exhibit and demonstrate their talents with a Christmas twist. Held in the park visitor center.

November 18 – 19

## Thanksgiving Garrison at Fort Watauga

*Saturday-Sunday*      *10:00 am – 4:00 pm*

Join us as Hardin's Rangers provide a glimpse into the past with an 18th century Thanksgiving at Fort Watauga. Lots of food and demonstrations.

*Month of December*

## Winterfest Christmas Tree Exhibit & Art Show

*Opening Reception! Sunday, Dec. 3 1:30 pm*

*Monday – Saturday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm*

*Sunday* *1:00 pm - 4:30 pm*

With a Winterfest theme of “The Night Before Christmas,” this event opens with a reception to view the trees, artwork, and an opportunity to meet the artists. The exhibit features Fraser fir Christmas trees decorated by local organizations with handmade ornaments. The Watauga Valley Art League displays the artwork.

*December 8*

## Christmas at the Carter Mansion

*Friday* 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Spend the evening in this 18<sup>th</sup> century home built on the frontier around 1775 featuring the beautiful interior craftsmanship decorated for Christmas in the style of 1780. Costumed interpreters, candlelight, refreshments, and music highlight the evening. Admission is \$1.00/person, maximum \$2.00/family. Sponsored by the Watauga Historical Association.

*December 09 & 10*

## Christmas Garrison at Fort Watauga

*Saturday & Sunday* 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Ring in the Christmas season with the Company of Overmountain Men as they celebrate with living history demonstrations of the 18th century in the backwoods of Colonial America.

# Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area

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